encourage private participation in Railwnys to improve rail services; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A scheme called "Own Your Wagon" has been launched under which customers can own their wagons and get guaranteed supply of wagons for loading and also freight rebate.

Renovation of Railway Stations in Punjab

2984. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to renovate railway stations in Punjab in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Electrification in the Railways

2985. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for the electrification during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of the projects to be undertaken during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether all the trunk routes are proposed to be electrified by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 3500 Kms.

(b) The electrification of the following sections has been sanctioned during 1992-93 & 1993-94, viz. the first two years of the VIII Plan:

1. Erode-Palghat-Ernakulam (including Cochin Harbour Terminus)
2. Renigunta-Guntakal-Hospet
3. Ambala-Moradabad
4. Chandil-Muri-Barkakana
5. Jamadoba-Mohuda
6. Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam (including Samalkot-Kakinada)
7. Bandel-Katwa
8. Adra-Midnapur

As regards inclusion of other projects for electrification during the remaining years of VIII Plan, the same will be done through the annual works programmes depending on the eligibility of the projects and availability of resources.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Constitution of Directorate of Education in Railway Organisation

2986. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rickey Commission had suggested constitution of Directorate of Education in Railway Organisation on the pattern of central schools; and

(b) by when it is going to be implemented, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Funds Crunch Hits ICF Modernisation

2987. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI J. S. RAJU:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item "Fund Crunch Hits ICF Modernisation" appeared in 'Indian Express' dated 20th July, 1993;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Rs. 25 crores has held up the modernisation programme of ICF for the last two years;

(c) what are the details of the proposed modernisation programme and it was submitted by ICF administration to the concerned and also the action taken by the both in this regard;

(d) what had been the fixed target for manufacture of railway coaches by various coach factories and other during the last three years, year-wise figures, coach factory and agency-wise figures;

(e) out of the fixed targets, how many coaches were manufactured by each of these